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1. In spring 1955 the rumor was circulating in P'yongyang medical circles that the Central Preventive Medical Military Unit under the auspices of the Korean Labor Party had already or soon would initiate biological warfare studies somewhere in North Korea. The studies were to be coordinated with the Central Biological Research Laboratory.
2. In the event of future hostilities with South Korea, North Korea will use planes based in Manchuria or China for waging biological warfare. The Soviet advisor in P'yongyang has said that biological warfare research was being conducted at an installation in Odessa. The terms "test animals, frozen animals, pilot plants, high altitude studies and isolated area studies" were being used in connection with the research in Odessa.
3. North Korean soldiers have been sent to Manchuria for training in the use of a Katusha rocket designed to carry an atomic charge.
4. In North Korea it is commonly believed that the North Korean Army will use atomic weapons in any future war.

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1. Comment. This is possibly counter-propaganda to embolden North Korean troops.

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